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**Application No.:** 10/522,858**Applicant:** Massimo Paladini et al.**Filing Date:** 04/04/2005**Art Unit:** 1621**Examiner:** Paul A. Zucker, Ph.D.**Docket No.:** CIO 002**Customer No.:** 000039232

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## AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 01/06/2006, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment under Rule 116. All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

The Conclusion is at page 7 of this paper.

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